

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 6-14, 16-35, and 50 are pending. Claims 1, 6-8, and 34-35 are independent. Claims 1, 6-8, 29, 31, and 33-35 are hereby amended. Claims 2-5, 15, and 36-49 are hereby canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 50 is hereby added. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 113-115 and Figure 17.

Claims 29, 31, and 33 are hereby amended, thereby obviating the objection to those claims.

Claims 2-5 are hereby canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, thereby obviating the objection to claim 6.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims produce a “concrete, useful, and tangible result.” For example, claim 8 is representative and recites, *inter alia*: “... wherein said take correlating unit can correlate content data relating to a plurality of said takes and said take meta data with one said cut.” This is a concrete, useful, and tangible result.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0218902 to Yanagita et al. (hereinafter, merely “Yanagita”).

Claim 8 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

“... wherein said take correlating unit can correlate content data relating to a plurality of said takes and said take meta data with one said cut.” (Emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Yanagita relates to an input part for inputting image data, a receiving part for receiving production information relating to production transmitted from another apparatus, a recording part for recording the production information received by the receiving part and image data input by the input part, a detection part for detecting a recording position on a recording medium at an editing point of image data recorded by the recording part, and a transmission part for transmitting information of the recording position detected by the detection part, whereby identification information for identifying image data and voice data is

recorded in a recording medium or a recording device, this relieving a burden on a photographer and an editor and facilitating extraction of image data and voice data..

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing has been found in Yanagita that would teach or suggest the above-identified feature of claim 1. Specifically, Yanagita does not teach or suggest that said take correlating unit can correlate content data relating to a plurality of said takes and said take meta data with one said cut, as recited in claim 8.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is patentable.

Claims 6-8, and 34-35 are similar, or somewhat similar, in scope and are therefore patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

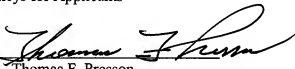
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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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